

REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the patent application identified above and withdraw the present rejection. Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application, all of which stand currently rejected.

Double Patenting:

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3 and 6 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 2 and 6-7 of U.S. Patent 6,866,669.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 6 and 8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 2 and 10-11 of U.S. Patent 6,939,352.

The Examiner also stated that:

A timely terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 38 CFR 1.130(b).

Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer, disclaiming the term of any patent to issue for the present application that may extend beyond the term of U.S. Patents 6,866,669 or 6,939,352.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow the present application.

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